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UTAH'S GREATEST POLITICAL SCANDAL

Provo Post Sheds Light on That Meeting of Disinterested Business Men.

INNER WORKINGS OF SPRY POLITICAL MACHINE

Why Business Interests in North Are so Solicitous About Re-election of the Present Governor.

"The Provo Post, on July 7th, lished what we believe to be one of the greatest indictments against a public official ever produced in the state of Utah," says the *American Eagle*, published at Murray, Utah. "If the same is true, which it no doubt is, it constitutes the greatest scandal the state of Utah has ever known. We are told that when Governor Spry was elected to the highest position the state of Utah could offer him, 8 years ago, he did not hold a single office in the many companies mentioned in the *Provo Post* indictment, so that in the short space of 8 years time, we have a governor of the state who has used his office from all indications, for personal gain.

"From an ordinary man of moderate means and no more conspicuous in ability than the average, ordinary man of moderate means, he has apparently arose phenomenally to a man of predominating wealth and power. So much so that he has been sought after and placed in an official position in a score or more of business institutions of the state, and many of those are dealing directly with the state, and must necessarily come under the supervision of the governor of the state in an official capacity, as the people's representative, to properly regulate and control them.

"The statutes of the state of Utah make it a crime for any public official serving the people under oath of office to be an official member of any firm, partnership or corporation which is party to or interested in a contract or any business which their oath as a servant of the people would require them to supervise, to safe-guard the interests of the people. Yet we find Governor Spry closely affiliated with many of the corporations of the state which his high office requires him by law to supervise in the interests of the people.

"Two terms as governor of the state should be enough for any citizen, especially for a man who has used his office for personal gain. The article from the *Provo Post* follows, and we would advise our readers to follow it to the end and read the *Provo Post* editor's comment on a governor who is using his office as a recruiting station for personal interest:

"IS THE SPRY-KEARNS COMBINATION FREE FROM THE OFFICEHOLDERS"

"A meeting was held the other night in the Utah hotel by the friends of Governor Spry, to demand his renomination and election.

"In substance the Salt Lake Tribune states that the meeting was the most unique and largest ever held in the state of Utah. That it was virtually free from office holders, very few being in attendance, and that those present were for the governor for patriotic reasons and had no political or ulterior motives.

"So that the people may have a chance to judge for themselves, The Post prints the names of nearly all those printed in the list furnished by the Salt Lake Tribune, and gives the occupation and business and political standing of those mentioned. The following is the list:

"Heber M. Wells, ex-governor, who presided over the meeting, was supported by the Tribune and its owners for a third term and defeated.

"A. P. Bigelow, banker, stockholder in Becker Brewing company, director Utah Cereal company.

"Governor Spry is a director in this company.

"R. T. Badger, banker, and one who called meeting, director Intermoun-

tain Life Insurance company. Colonel on the governor's staff.

"A personal appointee of Governor Spry. The governor is also president of the Intermountain Life Insurance company.

"Jos. Lippman, political manipulator one of those who called meeting, general manager Salt Lake Brewing company.

"J. U. Eldredge, Jr., politician liquor dealer lobbyist, one of those who called the meeting, is general manager of the Ogden Examiner, the liquor dealers' organ.

"Governor Spry is a stockholder and director in the Examiner.

"W. W. Riter, banker and capitalist and director of Public Service corporations, president of the board of regents of the University of Utah.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"W. S. McCornick, banker, officer of Public Service corporation, director Consolidated Wagon and Machine company.

"Governor Spry is a director of this company.

"Ernest Bamberger, capitalist, regent of the University of Utah.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"C. E. Loose, of Provo, banker and director of Public Service corporations, colonel on the governor's staff, member of the state capital commission, director of the Utah-Idaho Motor company.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry. The governor is an officer of the Motor company.

"Glen Miller, capitalist, member of the commission in charge of the Utah exhibit at the Panama Pacific exposition.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"John C. Sharp, capitalist, member board of trustees of Agricultural College of Utah, also vice-president of the Intermountain Life Insurance company.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry. The governor is also president of the Intermountain Life Insurance company.

"C. B. Stewart, Democrat, lawyer, and promoter, director Farmers and Stockgrowers' bank, secretary and treasurer Mt. Nebo Marble company, director Utah-Idaho Marble company.

"Governor Spry is an officer in all these companies.

"N. T. Porter, Democrat, lawyer and promoter, regent of the University of Utah, vice-president of the Mt. Nebo Marble company, director of the Utah-Idaho Motor company, director of the Columbia Trust company, officer of Farmers and Stockgrowers' bank, director of the Intermountain Insurance company.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"The governor is an officer in all of these companies.

"C. A. Quigley, Democrat, colonel on the governor's staff.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"P. A. Simpkin, pastor Phillips Congregational church, trustee of the State School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"S. A. Whitney, cashier McCornick's bank and director of Public Service corporations, colonel on the governor's staff.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"Lawrence Green, capitalist and director of Public Service corporations, director Columbia Trust company, director Utah-Idaho Motor company, director Intermountain Life Insurance company. Quartermaster general on the governor's staff.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

"Spry is also an officer in all of the above companies.

"George T. Odell, general manager Consolidated Wagon and Machine company, director Farmers and Stockgrowers' bank, vice-president Intermountain Insurance company, trustee Utah Agricultural college.

"Personal appointee of Governor Spry.

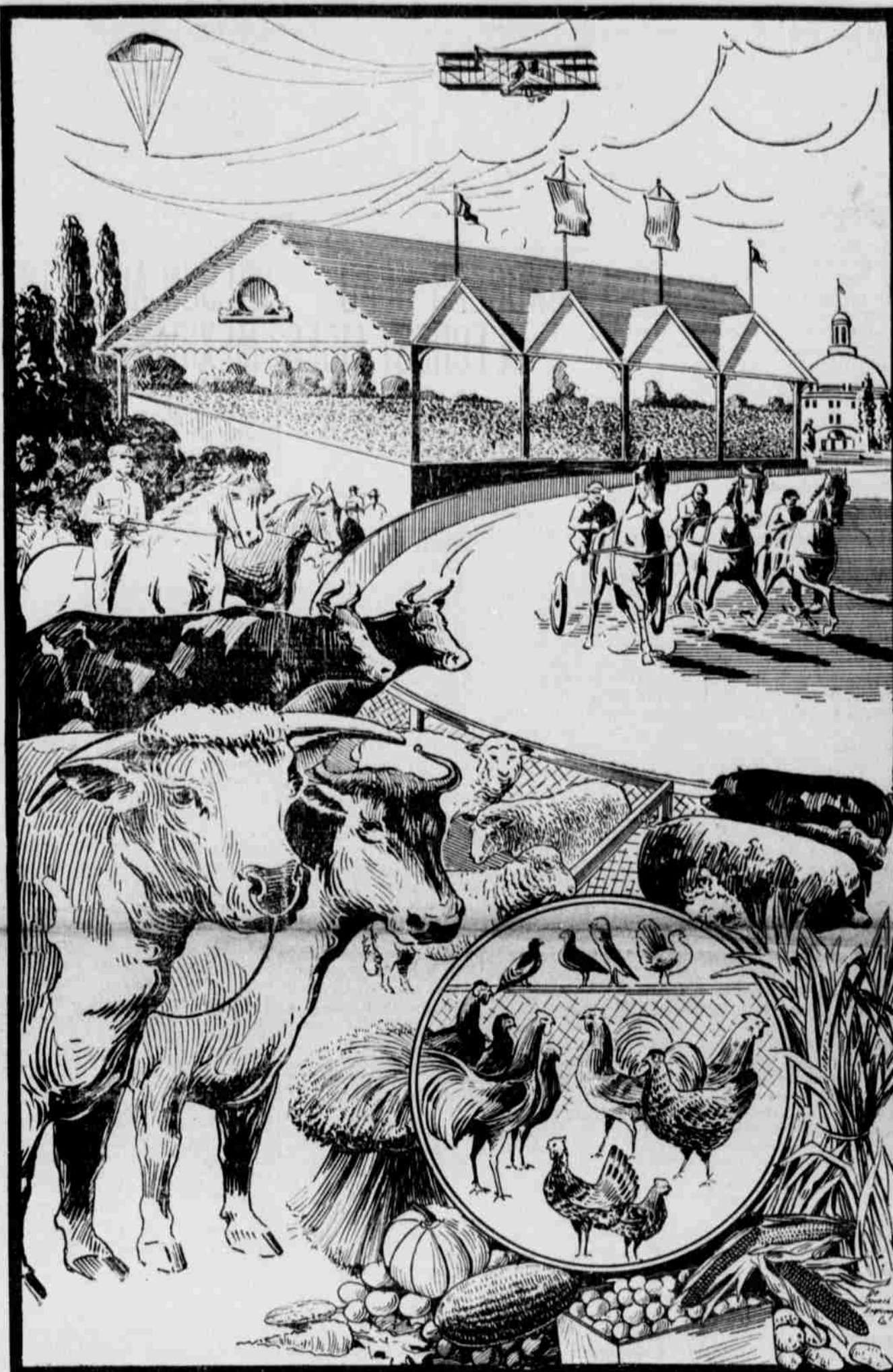
"Mr. Spry is also an officer in all the above companies.

"C. S. Burton, director State Bankers association, president Farmers and Stockgrowers' bank, director Consolidated Wagon and Machine company.

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IRON COUNTY FAIR

Sep., 6, 7 and 8, Cedar City, Utah.



The present indications are that the Iron County Fair this year will be the biggest and most successful fair ever yet held in Iron County. New and permanent Fair Grounds are being improved and placed in condition for the big show, liberal prizes will be awarded on all classes of exhibits, with stress placed on livestock and agricultural exhibits; a good program of amusements is being arranged for, and everything indicates that the fair this year will set a new pace for fairs in this county. Every resident of the county, as well as all who can from surrounding counties, should make it a point to be here.

THE WEEK'S OFFERINGS AT THORLEY THEATRE

Following is the program of moving picture plays to be shown at the Thorley Electric Theatre during the week beginning Monday, August 7th: Monday night—Kitty Gordon in, "Her Great Hour," by the World Co. Tuesday—Five reel feature by the Universal Film Company.

Wednesday—Five reel Western program by the Mutual company.

Thursday—The 25th episode from the Diamond From the Sky.

Friday—"The Ballet Girl" by the World Film company.

Saturday—Six reel Western program from the General Film company.

BUCKHORN.

Buckhorn, Utah, July 30, 1916.

The Primary gave a very successful program last Friday. All members wearing the garb of pioneers was one of the pleasing features.

William Rowley is working in Parowan. He came out for Sunday School last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Lang were in Beaver a few days last week on business.

Mr. Jno. Lang is installing a pumping system for his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones went to Paragonah today for their mail and on other business.

REPUBLICANS ARE FOR PROHIBITION

Cedar City Organization Favors Delegates Only Who Want Prohibition by Shortest Route.

The Republicans of Cedar City precinct met in primary at the Library building Tuesday night for the purpose of electing eight delegates to the county convention to be held in Parowan tomorrow, at which eleven delegates will be elected to the state convention and thirteen to the congressional convention to be held in Ogden August 8 and 9, respectively.

Prior to proceeding with the election of delegates, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

"Whereas, the question of statewide prohibition is, or will be, a paramount issue in the coming campaign, and

"Whereas, the State of Utah should take its place in the foremost ranges of prohibition states, the people thereof having expressed themselves heretofore as being in favor of this principle, and

"Whereas, the evil of intemperance

CITY COUNCIL IS BEHIND THE FAIR

Appropriate \$300 to Assist With Improvement of the Permanent Fair Grounds.

BUSY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

Several Property Owners in District 1 Protest Against Assessment of Tax for Curb and Gutter.

The regular monthly session of the City Council was held in the Library auditorium last evening, all councilmen, Mayor Jones, the attorney, marshal, supervisor and a number of citizens being present.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, Dr. A. N. Leonard, in behalf of the general committee for the County Fair, appeared before the council and explained what was being done with respect to the fair grounds and the preparations under way for this event. He also made a statement of the estimated expense of getting the grounds (which are the property of the city) in condition for the fair, and requested that the council make a definite appropriation to assist with the improving of the premises, suggesting that the appropriation be not less than \$300. It was moved and seconded that an appropriation of \$300 be made for the benefit of the County Fair, and the motion was carried on a vote of 3 to 2.

It being the date fixed for hearing complaints or objections to the assessing of a frontage tax in district No. 1, (the business district on Main street) for the purpose of making curb and gutter improvements in this district, there were a number of the property owners present who were opposed to the improvement, those objecting representing approximately one-fourth of the property abutting on said contemplated improvement. The objections, together with the frontage each represented, was noted, and on motion it was decided to defer action on the question until the next regular meeting of the council, though in accordance with the notice duly published, the time for making protests or objections expired last evening.

T. A. Thorley filed a written petition asking for the privilege of installing a fire hydrant on his premises on upper Main street, at his own expense, with connection with the city main. The question, after being discussed at some length, was referred to the committee on water works.

The matter of curb and gutter improvement in the vicinity of Councilor Pace's residence, was referred to the committee on streets and sidewalks.

The usual budget of claims was presented and allowed.

The reports of marshal, watermaster and supervisor, poundkeeper, treasurer, etc., were presented and approved.

Meeting adjourned to Thursday, August 10, 8 p. m.

is responsible for a large per cent. of the crime and the suffering within the State of Utah, and is retarding its progress, both morally and financially,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Republicans of Cedar City in Primary assembled, that each and all of the delegates herein elected to the county convention be instructed to support only such delegates to the state convention as are known to be in favor of absolute statewide prohibition by legislative enactment at the hands of the next Legislature.

CHAS. G. Y. HIGGINS,
JOSHUA H. ARTHUR,
SAMUEL B. JONES,
Committee on Resolutions.

The following were elected as delegates to the county convention: F. B. Wood, J. S. Woodbury, J. H. Arthur, Richard A. Thorley, S. J. Foster, C. G. Y. Higgins, Dr. A. N. Leonard and Chas. S. Wilkinson.

And the following named persons were duly elected as alternates to said delegates: R. L. Jones, S. A. Higbee, E. H. Ryan, Ada Wood Webster, Wm. H. Leigh, M. D. Higbee and H. W. Lunt.